

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)  
Attorney Docket: 080310.47624D1

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/257,207  
Filed on February 25, 1999  
Of Juergen RAMM; Eugen BECK  
Entitled: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING COMPONENT PARTS, USE OF SAME, WITH AIR BEARING SUPPORTED WORKPIECES AND VACUUM PROCESSING CHAMBER  
Examiner: J. T. Haran  
Group: 1733

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 30

- X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 5 sheets, depicting Figures 1-7.

- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

- a. — Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
  - i. — Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

X 5. Cancel original claims 1-22.

  6. Small entity status:

- a.   A small entity statement is enclosed
- b.  A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on   in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c.   Is no longer claimed

X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee		\$375	\$750
Total Claims	<u>12</u> - 20 = <u>0</u> x 9 = \$ <u> </u>	18 = \$ <u> </u>	
Ind. Claims	<u>1</u> - 3 = <u>0</u> x 42 = \$ <u> </u>	84 = \$ <u> </u>	
	Multiple Dependent Claims + 140 = \$ <u> </u>	280 = \$ <u> </u>	
	Total	\$ <u> </u>	\$ 750.00

  8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # ) in the amount of \$ .

X 9. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.47624D1).

X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/257,207, filed February 25, 1999.--

- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 315/99, filed in Switzerland on February 19, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/257,207 on June 18, 1999.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Unaxis Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

CROWELL & MORING, LLP  
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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

June 23, 2003



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